



Amendment Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116
Group Art Unit 2863, Expedited Procedure

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PATENT APPLICATION

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In re Application of:)
HIROKI HAYASHI, et al.) Examiner: M. Nghiem
Application No.: 09/726,021) Group Art Unit: 2863
Filed: November 30, 2000)
For: SURFACE REFORMED FIBER)
BODY, LIQUID CONTAINER)
USING FIBER ABSORBER AND)
METHOD OF PRODUCING FIBER :)
ABSORBER FOR USE IN LIQUID)
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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, Applicants respectfully direct the Examiner's attention to the documents listed below and on the enclosed Form PTO-1449. A copy of each document so listed is enclosed.

U.S. Patent 3,853,601
U.S. Patent 5,300,238
U.S. Patent 5,688,855
U.S. Patent 5,952,077
Europe 281,912
Europe 325,543
Europe 410,485
Europe 491,293
Europe 519,420
PCT WO 92/4409
Japan 7-126555

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S. Garoff, "Molecular Structure and Interfacial Properties of Surfactant-Coated Surfaces", Thin Solid Films, No. 152 (1987), pp. 49-66

H. Ringsdorf, "Oriented Ultrathin Membranes From Monomeric and Polymeric Amphiphiles: Monolayers, Liposomes and Multilayers", Thin Solid Films, No. 152 (1987) pp. 207-222.

Although this application has received a final action under 37 C.F.R. § 1.113, all of these documents were cited during prosecution of published U.S. application No. 2001-7274, over which the Examiner has entered a double patenting rejection in this case. Accordingly, these documents are merely being cited for completeness.

The Examiner is urged to study this information in its entirety and to form an independent determination of the materiality of the information to the claimed invention. Additionally, the Examiner is requested to indicate that this information has been considered by initialing the appropriate portion of Form PTO-1449.

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